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Resistance of Navy No. 1 Struts

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Abstract.—The tests herein described were made to determine the resistance of four Navy No. 1 airplane struts, and their resistance coefficients in terms of the air speed and thickness. The measurements were made on the 8 in. x 8 in. tunnel at speeds of 20 to 70 m. p. h. The test was conducted by R. H. Smith, the computations and drawings were made by M. T. Havel, both assistants in the aerodynamical laboratory.

Description of Struts.—The strut wire of each strut was from end to end, were all 5 ft. long, had a diameter ratio of 3:1, and had the shape of section specified in Fig. 1. They were all of one, shaped to meet the conditions and varied. Their total thickness were respectively 2 in., 2.5 in., 3 in., 4

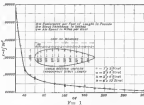


FIG. 1

in. The dimensions of all the struts, except the largest one shown to specifications, the latter being about 1 per cent less than that. The curve was spread in balancing and plotting the resistance values.

Method of Test.—Each strut was here was held upright on two gages passing upstream from the shielded speeds of the Pitot tube. The center of the strut was at the axis of the tunnel, and its chief plane of symmetry was parallel to the side walls. The resistance was measured as usual, first with the strut and holder, then with the strut detached and air removed. The resistance of the holder alone was about 1 per cent of that of the small strut.

Method of Computing Resistance Due to Pressure Drag.—As may easily be shown, the pressure drag resistance of a strut of uniform section can be expressed by the formula:

$$R_p = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \int dy$$

in which ρ is the density of the air, V the static pressure along the axis of the undisturbed tunnel, and y the half thickness of the strut at successive points, the integration extending from front to rear of the model. For the pressure on any element of the strut surface is $p \, dA$, where p is the pressure on a dA of the strut surface is $p \, dA$, the integral of which is as above. The same result obviously follows if p is the pressure-drag in the unobstructed stream along the center line of the strut. The pressure drag and its proper integration over the four strut surfaces are presented in Figs 2 and 4 for a speed of 40 m. p. h. For higher speeds the pressure-drag is assumed to increase as the square of the speed. The assumption may, as indicated by some tests still in progress, stated as error of a fraction of 1, per cent of the total static pressure.

The Resistance Coefficient.—The resistance of a uniform

strut held transverse to a uniform current parallel to its plane of symmetry may be written:

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \left(\frac{D}{L} \right) C$$

in which $\frac{D}{L}$ is the frontal density, D the length, L the thickness, V the static pressure, and C the resistance coefficient. Though for constant fluid conditions C may tend to become constant for the highest values of D/L fixed in airplane practice, it usually varies considerably for the lower values. For convenience in obtaining and using a working formula, the above equation is written:

$$R = K D^2$$

in which K is the strut resistance per foot length in pounds,

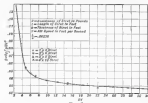


FIG. 2

D the thickness in inches, V the speed in miles an hour, and $K = \frac{1}{2} \rho \left(\frac{D}{L} \right) C$. Hence the wind-tunnel data are for standard air conditions, C is a function of D/L , for similar struts, and K is pounds resistance per foot run for air of standard density, being taken as 0.0012 lb. per cu. ft.

When K , as derived, is used in computing the resistance of struts for a similar air medium, some correction must be made for end effects, unless the model be geometrically similar than just sectionally similar to real struts. In the present account the end correction is omitted for lack of sufficient data. It may, however, be introduced from well-known experiments, be considered as small.

The resistance coefficient may also be written in the dimensionless form:

$$C = R_p / \rho V^2 L^2$$

in which R is the measured resistance, L is the projected area, and $\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$ is the dynamic pressure of the air. Then C is a shape coefficient, independent of the units employed, and is called the "shape coefficient."

Results.—The accompanying table gives the gross and the net resistance of the four struts at various speeds, also the coefficient of resistance K for the resistance (thrust) specified. Fig. 3 shows the relation of K to D/L for the tabulated conditions. The data all lie close to a continuous curve which, for increasing values of D/L , first falls slightly, then tends to become horizontal for the higher values of D/L . Thus, for the range here reached, K approaches but does not attain constancy, that is, the resistance tends to, but does not actually, vary as the square of the speed.

For convenience in comparing these results with the like

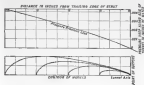


FIG. 3

reported from other laboratories, the shape coefficient C is given in Fig. 3 in ft.-lb. units.

The degree of precision of the measurements may be inferred partly from the consistency of the plotted data, partly from the fact that the average speed of the air past the strut was determined truly to about one per cent, and that the front drag indicated by the Pitot balance is about 802 lb. The pressure on a surface to indicate the speed of the stream as compared with other tests in the same way. The error in finding the pressure-drag resistance is probably negligible, since this force is relatively small. The ratio to the net resistance, at 40 m. p. h. has the following percentage values, respectively, for the four struts taken in their order of thickness: 1.06, 1.02, 1.04, 1.04.

Comparison With Other Struts.—In report No. 133 it will be shown from resistance data, obtained in the way here recorded, for an 8 ft. strut 3 ft. long and of uniform section 2 by 6 in., that this shape has, for ordinary uses and working speeds, 15 to 20 per cent more resistance than the Navy No. 1 strut of the same over all dimensions. Reference may be made also to Reports and Memoranda (U. S. Navy) No. 416 of the British Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which summarizes the resistance coefficients for all the struts tested at the National Physical Laboratory prior to 1906, and those treated by H. H. B. for the interval of years in 1906. It demonstrates K in terms of D/L for a strut of resistance resistance, in a plot that would cover the one shown in Fig. 3 at the distance $D/L = 7$, and another well shows K for all the higher values.

Remark.—From this investigation it appears that, for the higher values of D/L found in present practice, the Navy No. 1 has a smaller coefficient of resistance than any others reported. No account is now taken of the weight and inertia modulus of the strut, which usually enter the coefficient of merit. The general effect of these is well known and need not be treated here.



FIG. 4

Numerical data on the resistance tests of Navy No. 1 struts are given in the appended tables.

RESISTANCE OF STRUTS OF VARIOUS THICKNESSES

Strut No.	Thickness, in.	Resistance at 40 m. p. h., lb.	Resistance at 60 m. p. h., lb.	Resistance at 80 m. p. h., lb.	Resistance at 100 m. p. h., lb.	Resistance at 120 m. p. h., lb.	Resistance at 140 m. p. h., lb.	Resistance at 160 m. p. h., lb.	Resistance at 180 m. p. h., lb.	Resistance at 200 m. p. h., lb.
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Resistance of Struts of Various Thicknesses

Function and Construction of the Rip Panel

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One of our most modern aeroplanes, the C-5, was lost by being blown away from its moorings. It was very unfortunate to lose it as the aircraft is in fact any moment, but it was particularly unfortunate that it should be blown away from its mooring place after having made such a noticeable flight from Rockaway to Newfoundland. There is no question that the flight was a remarkable one. However, there must have been a relaxation on someone's part after the flight when it came to securing the ship.

The loss of the ship was apparently due to the failure of the rip panel to function properly. This must be the case if the

bag, thus exposing the slot, through which the gas escapes (Fig. 2). The rigidity with which the gas escapes depends entirely upon the length of the slot and upon the location of the slot in the bag. The length of the slot varies with the size of the bag. This length is determined from practice. It should be given the length of slot in a spherical balloon as $\frac{1}{2}C$. This is one-half of the circumference of the bag.

The rip panel is operated by means of a rope called the rip cord (Fig. 3). This cord is tied to one end of the rip panel and extends either through the bag or along the outside, to the pilot's position. In the case of a spherical balloon the cord drops vertically through the bag, passing out through the

only to guard against losing the ship in a storm while the ship is anchored or in some case upon landing at a dock. In the case of a free balloon, the rip panel is employed at the end of each flight. It is ripped just before the landing, so that when the basket leaves the ground sufficient gas will be escaped from the bag to prevent the balloon rising again off the ground. In the case of an observation balloon, that is, a balloon which is tethered to the ground by a cable, the rip panel encloses the function of both the rip cord and the spherical balloon panel. It is intended to prevent the loss of the bag in a storm while anchored and it is intended also to be used in landing to cause the balloon to rise away from its mooring cable and starts on a free balloon flight.

Types of Rip Panels

Spherical Type.—A spherical balloon rip panel is perhaps the most vital part of the balloon. Without it safe landings cannot be made, except under the most favorable conditions.



Fig. 3

On landing the panel is ripped and the bag deflated quickly enough gas rushes out immediately to prevent the balloon rising off the ground after it once lands. If this were not the case, the balloon would strike the ground and rise again, repeating the several times, depending upon conditions, with great danger to the passengers. Many cases of spherical balloons are defective panels have been reported.

Figs. 1 and 2 show a spherical rip panel of the type used in the Army and Navy aeroplanes. It is the outcome of practical changes made from the experience of many people and represents perhaps a very good type of spherical rip panel. Referring to Fig. 2, the slot cut in the envelope is 4 in. wide and varies in length from 120 in. for a small balloon, to 240 in. for a 7,000 cu. ft. balloon. This slot is tied over the edge with 2-in. balloon tape. This allows one path of the tape on both the inside and the outside of the envelope over the edge of the slot, giving the slot a smooth edge and prevents fraying. It is also a reinforcement against tearing. Before the edge of the slot is taped, in fact before the slot is cut in the bag at all, two reinforcement of balloon fabric are connected, one on the inside and one on the outside of the bag. The outside reinforcement is 10 in. wide and the inside 8 in. This reinforcement is laid across the slot. The slot is cut through these two reinforcements and through the bag itself and then it is taped. A double stitch is run all around the edge of the slot through the tape. This prevents the tape from tearing loose.

The panel itself which is connected to the balloon over the slot is made of a thickness of light fabric connected together. The edge is taped, the ripping and of the panel is folded back over a toggle stick and this fold-back is connected down.

The panel is connected to the balloon for its entire width, except where the slot is. The connecting toward the ripping and is brought to a point. This makes it easy to start the ripping.

Beyond the ripping and of the panel there is connected to the balloon an anchor patch. The ripping and of the panel is tied to this patch by two breakable cords. These cords are of different length so that one breaks before the other. There is another small patch to which the rip rope is tied. This is an extra precaution.

Observation Balloon Type.—Figs. 5 and 6 show a type of observation balloon rip panel which comes to us from the French. There are eight holes cut in the envelope, three holes are elliptical rather than circular, so that the panel can be

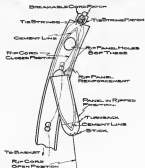


Fig. 4

be torn comparatively narrow. The edge of the hole is reinforced with a rope groove. There is a single reinforcement connected on the bag before the hole is cut out. The panel itself is two thicknesses of fabric with the edge taped. The ripping and is taped back over a toggle stick. The ripping and is tied to the anchor patch with tie strings and the rip cord is tied to several breakable cord patches (Fig. 4).

There seems to be no advantage of this type of panel over the slot type. On the other hand there seems to be some advantages. The gas discharges much more slowly. This is a point of danger especially the spherical ones. This fact was demonstrated recently at one of the balloon schools where a spherical was equipped by a contractor with an observation balloon rip panel. It is claimed that the gas escaped so slowly that the balloon was struck a great distance by the wind, dragging the basket over the ground before it finally stopped. This panel is much heavier and heavier to rip than the standard spherical type.

Striping Types.—There are several different types of rip panels used in aeroplanes. The type to select depends upon several considerations. The first is the volume of the bag,

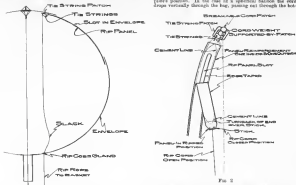


Fig. 2

tion of it to the basket (Fig. 1). In order to release the panel of the weight of the cord, the cord is tied up to an anchor patch near the end of the panel (Fig. 2). This patch carries the weight of the cord. The tie string has a strength of about 20 lb. In pulling the rip cord the tie string must be broken first before the gas rushes on the panel. This tie string is put on as a safety device so that in case a passenger in the basket steps on the rip rope or pulls it by accident, the stress will come on the tie string rather than on the panel, thus preventing an accident by ripping the panel.

When the rip cord passes out through the bag some means of making the outlet gas-tight must be employed. The general method of accomplishing this is by means of a gland. Several types of glands have been tried out, but the one which is in use now consists of an aluminum flange with a rubber gasket made of it. The rip cord passes through the rubber gasket. This forms a sufficiently airtight gland.

In an aeroplane the rip cord is generally carried along the outside of the bag from the panel to the pilot's position. The importance of the rip panel varies somewhat with the type of balloon. In the case of an aeroplane the rip panels are

reports of the standard were correct. These reports were to the effect that the material was torn from its moorings and from its bracing wires, while one of the crew tried to rip the panel, but failed. The ship was then carried out to sea, from the main function of the rip panels in an aeroplane are to prevent the bag being blown away in a storm, it is reasonable to attribute the loss of the C-5 mainly to the failure of the rip panels.

Usually, when an aeroplane is tethered to an open field, it is secured to a mooring post. The rip panel ropes are run tied to the mooring post, so that in case a strong wind and the ship is torn from its moorings the rip panels are automatically ripped and the bag immediately deflated. This serves the ship.

General Description

The rip panel is simply a slit cut in the gas bag with an extra piece of fabric connected over the slit (Fig. 1). This extra piece of fabric called the panel, can be ripped off the

The Aeromarine Aerial Mail Delivery System

By Paul G. Zimmermann

As a means of expediting delivery of airmail mail, Mr. Otto Frager, Second Assistant Postmaster General, recently ordered experiments to be made with a view to delivering airmail mail by airplane to a city at sea. Accordingly Postmaster Thomas A. Pacon with the cooperation of David Luskoff of the International Mercantile Marine, and Ingles H. Upjohn,

was then ordered by 5/23 p. m. cable and 1/2 in. strand rubber shock absorber. The trial resulted in breaking the shock absorber, a larger one being substituted for that broke and two other shocks and heavier shock absorbers added in the line, the time in this attempt being confined to the bag. The bag was located at a hook-up runner cable attached to

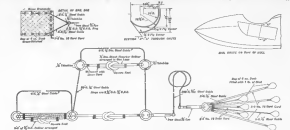


FIG. 1. DETAILS OF THE AEROMARINE AERIAL MAIL CARRIAGE AND MAIL BAG

President of the Aeromarine Plane and Motor Co. of Keyport, N. J., arranged that the experiment be undertaken on the White Star liner, Adriatic, sailing from New York on August 14. The Aeromarine plane, 60 C. Ryan boat, was specially equipped and used for the attempt.

With this end in view Mr. Upjohn started experimenting at his factory in Keyport. A number of plans were submitted, but one, suggested by Mr. Upjohn and thought most feasible by Frager, C. J. Zimmermann, consisted of trailing a weighted line about 250 ft. long from the flying boat. To the rear end of this line the mail bag was attached, the line being so arranged the trailing line in the turning of the steamer, the release of the mail bag taking effect as soon as the line became taut.



FIG. 2. AEROMARINE MAIL DELIVERY AT SEA

To try out this idea a 50-ft. line, with guys, representing the rigging of a ship, was located on the beach at Keyport and for a week daily tests were made until the apparatus used in the actual attempt was developed. It was found at the outset that to entangle the rigging and with the "in" held, more than one weight would be required. The outside-line with seven tails was therefore selected. Five of the tails being of steel and two of steel cable, each being weighted by a bag containing one and one-half pounds of steel.

The first attempt with this arrangement and a 100-lb. bag resulted in the parting of the main steel cable line. The second

the nightfall side of the bell of the flying boat at an angle of 10 deg. starting to the rear, the bag resting in it and being held by friction and yanked from the spread gear by the main cable making in the rigging. Several attempts were made with this arrangement and the bag found to be too weak, having been made of a single thickness of canvas. A heavy twined bag was then made as shown in Fig. 1. Trials were then conducted and a remarkable efficiency developed, it being possible to hook the bagging on the customary mail to every attempt, thus making a perfect record.

Considerable apprehension was, however, felt as to the results with a moving ship, and this was by no means lessened by the fact that on the morning of Aug. 14 the weather was far from favorable. Mr. Upjohn, however, decided to make the attempt, and at 1:30 p. m., fully an hour after the sailing of the Adriatic, the ship was started. Mr. Upjohn's plane, the Longier II, which was to be on hand to render any assistance necessary, had left the Columbia Yacht Club, New York, at 10:30. On board the yacht were Mr. Upjohn, Mr. E. A. H. Newman, secretary of the Aeromarine Co., and a party of reporters and photographers. At 3:30 p. m., or one hour and forty-five minutes after the sailing of the Adriatic, the mail boat was receiving the ship. A few minutes later the first attempt was made, the outside-line catching the forward stay, the shock, and the bag, bag, bag, dropped into the sea to be hauled aboard by the Adriatic.

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makes a few minutes later. First Zimmermann made certain the mail was safely delivered and then flew home to Keyport. Then the first attempt to get mail on board a moving ship had not only been accomplished but successfully performed under most adverse weather conditions.

Trade Reviews

CASCO WATERPROOF GLASS (Booklet received from Casco Mfg. Co., New York)

This very interesting little booklet on the employment of glass in where it is usually required and describes very full and complete.

The makers claim that their glass waterproof should



AEROMARINE KITE-BALLAST, AN ITALIAN WAR DEVELOPMENT

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change on cutting and is therefore suitable and desirable waterproof.

Large quantities of Casco glass were manufactured for the Aeromarine Production House, under whose supervision the following tests on the glass were made:

Baking in water for 4 hr.
Baking at 250 deg. Fahr.
Baking in cold water for 10 days.

Without the slightest expansion

Minimum tensile strength of 150 lb. per sq. in. as applied.

With regard to strength requirements, the following tests are quoted from the Forest Products Laboratory reports:

Minimum tensile strength 2250 lb. per sq. in.
High tensile strength 2775 lb. per sq. in.

Average weight 2.000 lb. per sq. in.
Casco is worked cold and is heat-resistant.

Instructions for mixing are as follows:

1. Pour into a mixer two pounds of cold water for each pound of glass.

2. Add the powdered glass to the cold water slowly, while stirring vigorously to prevent lumps.

3. Allow to stand for fifteen minutes and use in any spreader or with brush, exactly as any other glue.

4. The mixed glue will keep for a full working day.

5. The mixed glue with Casco glass can be purchased hot and melted after spreading and setting either hot or by setting to freeze. It will dry in original stiffness and retain its original shape.

The booklet gives the following data for standard panel construction:

STANDARD PANEL CONSTRUCTION									
By	Thickness	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"
2	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"
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ALL test results.

2.10" glass.

In the drying of panels, the Bureau of Aeronautics Production found that the best results were obtained by piling the panels carefully on racks, using stacks of uniform size, being careful to place them directly under each other. Vertical guides on the racks are of great assistance in piling properly and conveniently. Tracks should be placed close together and the dry zone kept at from 180 to 195 deg. Fahr., with humidity of 40 to 60. A mild circulation should be maintained, preferably induced by electric fans, which would be set on or in blow against buffer and not directly against the stack. It was found that by using this method, three-ply 1/4 in. panels would come down in about 10 per cent moisture content in from 24 to 48 hr.

Each plant has its own drying problem, determined largely by its dry room facilities, and the Casco makers will be glad to make suggestions upon request.

The following table may be of use to designers using plywood made with this glass:

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF STRUCTURAL ABOUT 1/2" THICK

Testing Water Resistant Plywood Glues

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The importance of plywood for use in airplane construction was recognized in the United States immediately upon the adoption of our special construction program. It was also realized that in order to be suitable for the purpose and reliable under various conditions of exposure the plywood should be made with water resistant glue. Water resistant glue was known to some extent previous to this time, but they had not been tested extensively successful in this country, and there was little available information about their preparation or use, or methods of testing them. However, as information was necessary, however, in order to encourage the production of water resistant plywood in sufficient quantity, and to secure a quality satisfactory for airplane construction.



Fig. 1

At the request of the Naval Corps the Forest Products Laboratory in 1917 undertook to secure this information and to develop methods of testing water-resistant glue which would permit the necessary inspection and control of the plywood with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

In making the preliminary study of the properties of water-resistant glue in 1917 the following tests were used:

- 1—Soaking in cold water for two weeks
- 2—Baking in an oven for 24 hr. at 212 deg. Fahr.
- 3—Baking in water for 24 hr. followed by baking in air
- 4—Hanging in a room with about 500 per cent humidity for one week
- 5—Exposing to the weather with and without protective coatings

These tests were very useful in determining between resistant and non-resistant glue, and helped to eliminate from further consideration a considerable number of glues for which water-resistance was claimed. They served very well and it became necessary to draw specifications for water-resistant plywood and provide means of inspection which would secure the



Fig. 2

necessary strength and water-resistance of the glue without delay of production.

For this purpose, tests Nos. 4 and 5 listed above were an suitable because they required no special time. Such treatment to be used in some cases, however, in checking the properties of the glue. Test No. 2 was abandoned as it was found to give little information. Tests Nos. 1 and 3 were retained as modified forms to become particularly useful for control work.

It was found that the length of the testing test would be reduced by 1 hr. and still give the information desired. The modification permitted the test to be completed the same day it was started. For a test the plywood after being heated in water was reduced to about 10 per cent moisture before its condition was recorded, but this was found unnecessary and was abandoned in order to save time. The soaking test which would require 10 weeks to 10 days as the length of time was found sufficient to give the information desired.

Great attention was concentrated when the testing test was first suggested by the Forest Products Laboratory as a soaking test. The recommendation was finally adopted, however, and finally incorporated in the specifications. It never was considered by the Forest Products Laboratory as a soaking test, but rather as a test to check an airplane model or subject. It was considered simply as an accelerated soaking test, giving information within a few hours which would require several days or weeks to obtain by soaking in cold water or exposing to high humidity. Many tests made since this adoption have shown that this is true. When the 8-hr. boiling and 10-day soaking tests are made on samples from the same plant, the boiling



Fig. 3

test is generally found to be the more severe. It is, therefore, a safe substitute for soaking when speed is important.

In addition to the water resistance it was necessary to know the strength of the glue joint. It is a simple matter to get data on the shearing strength of glue joints as thick laminates such as spruce planks, and in such a direct comparison of this with the shearing strength of wood, but an indirect satisfactory test for the strength of glue in plywood has not yet been discovered. So far the test specimens which have been found most satisfactory, from the standpoint of simplicity, ease of preparation, and simplicity of test is one that was adopted by the British Government. This specimen is shown in Fig. 2.

The specimen is tested by placing it under tension in a special testing machine, provided with special grips instead of the ordinary kangaroo belt, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The specimen does not break from shearing, but as a result of the slight excessive bending due to the form of the operator other stresses enter to a certain extent and the value obtained is not as high as if the failure were due entirely to shear. The test proved very well, however, because it was comparable results quickly and enabled a close check to be kept upon the strength and efficiency of the plywood produced with various glues in different factories.

Another test which was suggested by an aircraft factory was a so-called bend test. Plywood cut in 3/16 in. thick was required to stand bending over an arc of a cylinder with a

8 in. radius, without failure in the glue or the wood. Plywood from 3/16 to 5/16 in. thick was required to stand the same test over an arc of 12 in. radius. It was not specified whether the bend should be made with the grain of the face

plus parallel or perpendicular to the circumference of the cylinder, although there is a great difference in the feasibility of plywood in the two directions. The test gave practically no information and was little used.

The Bristol Coupé and Hydro-Airplane

The design of these machines follows very closely that of the Bristol Fighter which proved so successful during the war. The inherent stability of the Fighter and its remarkable maneuverability in actual operations on the allied fronts in France, Italy, Egypt, Palestine and Babruia are widely known.

The Bristol Coupé is designed as a tandem two-seater, pilot

and the Coupé with the exception that two main floats are provided in place of the waterplane. The floats are each divided into four water-tight compartments and are of such length that a tail float is rendered unnecessary. Water rudders are attached to rear of floats.

For commercial purposes the machine can carry a load of



THREE-QUARTER REAR VIEW OF THE BRISTOL COUPÉ

forward, or as a three-seater, two passengers side by side, forward.

In consideration of the comfort of the passengers, easy entry is planned on either side with triple glass windows on either side and affording complete protection from wind, rain, etc. An air speed indicator and altimeter is fitted in the cabin as a matter of interest to the passengers while in flight.

The Coupé may be fitted with any of the following engines: Hispano 500, 150, 140 or 100 hp.; Hall Scott 14, 225 hp.; Rolls Royce Falcon 11, 160 hp. or 140 hp.; Daimler 240 hp.

A large altimeter is fitted to assure satisfactory reading under existing service.

The Bristol Coupé has a cruising speed of 180 m.p.h. This speed is maintained in view of the fuel economy. Fuel capacity permits of 400-mile flight at an altitude of 5,000 ft.

The following are the performance speeds, ground level, 225 m.p.h.; 5,000 ft. 222 m.p.h.; 10,000 ft. 213 m.p.h.; climb 4,000 ft. 240 sec.; 10,000 ft. 11 1/2 min.; 15,000 ft. 27 1/2 min.

The following are weights and dimensions: weight, empty, 3,700 lb.; weight loaded, 4,800 lb.; wing span, 35 ft. 3 in.; chord 3 ft. 6 in.; overall length 25 ft. 9 in.; maximum height 30 ft. 3 in.; wing area 495 sq. ft.

In the event that wind or freight is carried in place of passengers a load of 450 lb. can be carried with full fuel capacity for a 400-mile flight. The space available for cargo is 22 cu. ft. An improved form of dual motor is installed so that either pilot or passenger may fly the machine with equal success.

This type of machine should prove especially attractive to those desiring a high-class machine combined with performance and reliability for tourist travel or for passenger-carrying and exhibition purposes.

The Bristol Hydro-airplane is designed in practically the same

300 ft. in addition to passenger and pilot and fuel and oil sufficient for 415 hours flight. In cases where the pilot only is necessary, the useful load of the machine is 300 lb. and fuel and oil sufficient for 415 hours flight.

The machine has a speed of over 60 m.p.h. and bank at 47 m.p.h. Climb to 2,000 ft. is made in 7 min.; 5,000 ft. in 24 min. The hydro-airplane may be fitted with any of the engines mentioned in connection with the Bristol Coupé.

Naval Speed Record

Naval speed records for pushover airplanes were broken recently by an 18-fighter in which Lieutenant-Commander N. H. Wain, Jr., U. S. N., commanding officer of the Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, and Lieut. I. T. Barr, pilot, made a trip from Hampton Roads to the Naval Airfield, Annapolis, Md. The course covered was approximately 275 miles and the time 153 minutes, or at the rate of two miles per minute.

The 18-A fighter is a recent design in connection with the work of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, and it is believed to be the fastest pushover airplane in existence. It is equipped with a Liberty 12-cyl. 335-hp. motor and under favorable conditions will make 130 to 150 m. p. h.

It was piloted by the Coast Engineering Corp. at Garden City, Long Island.

During the flight the weather conditions were slightly unfavorable. Light sea breeze and fog banks were encountered and the visibility was very low. The flight was made at 1,500 ft. altitude, except when crossing from the head of Chesapeake Bay to Delaware River, when the altitude was raised to 4,000 ft.

Rules of the British Seaplane Competition

The seaplane competition, which the British Air Ministry has decided to hold simultaneously with the airplane competition, that is, beginning March 1, 1938, will be open to four distinct types: seaplanes and airplanes constructed within the British Empire, although necessary equipment may be of foreign origin. The purpose of the competition is to increase the best type of both seaplanes or flying boats in which will be safe to launch, and which is particularly, will be capable of alighting on and rising from land as well as water.

Unlike the airplane competition, the seaplane competition will be open to but one type of machine, namely, a seaplane of either float or boat type provided with seating accommodation for four persons exclusive of the crew. Machines must meet all conditions required for a certificate of aerobility as now—has had done in the British Air Navigation Act, 1919—and must carry parachute and lifeboat for all persons from whose accommodation is provided, including the crew. The boat or float must not be so subdivided as to be performed as any one part such that still contain positive buoyancy.

Competing machines must have a maximum high speed of 80 knots (90 m.p.h.), and a maximum low speed of 40 knots (46 m.p.h.) with full load at water, and must be capable of standing not less than 200 ft. per sec.

Alighting and Getting Off Water

(1) Getting off full load (boat). Machines will be required to take off with full load, and clear an obstacle 30 ft. high on level in a distance not exceeding 300 yds. from a position of rest.

(2) Alighting test (boat). Machines will be required to land on a smooth aerodrome over an obstacle 30 ft. in height and to come to rest in a distance not exceeding 400 yds., measured in a straight line from the point where the obstacle is cleared. The test machine will be required to carry full load (see 60 per cent) total and oil.

(3) Landing off full load (boat). Machines will be required to take off an obstacle aerodrome with full load and clear an obstacle 30 ft. in height in a distance not exceeding 400 yds. from a position of rest.

(4) The above three tests will be made in still air, which for the purposes of this competition will be regarded as any wind not exceeding 5 statute miles per hour.

(5) Landing test (boat). Machines will be required to land in rough water, the machine to be in the air on the ground after the machine has been launched the machine may have to say down.

(6) No landing device operated by the engine may be used during landing.

(7) Any handling or taking off gear used must be integral with the machine.

(8) No landing apparatus may be used that in the opinion of the judges would be liable to cause undue damage to the machine.

(9) In test (1), (2) and (3) above, machines will be allowed three attempts, of which two must be successful.

Test of Reliability in Flight

Each machine must carry out a flight of five hours at a speed through the air of not less than 70 knots, starting with full load.

Flights may be changed during the flight.

Seaplane Tests

(1) Four weather. Each machine will be required to be in the air for five hours in four weather conditions (fog, rain, mist, and sun) during the last 20 hours of which time it will be left unattended. The crew will not be allowed on board to pump out the water at any time during the flight, except with the permission of the judges in case of emergency.

At the conclusion of the 24 hours period the crew will be allowed to land the machine at any point for the purpose of refueling and safety of crew power, and will be required to

carry on a short flying test within a period of one hour from the conclusion of the 24 hours period.

The test will be carried out under fair weather conditions. Machines will be allowed five attempts in any one day.

(2) Moderate weather. Each machine will be required to be in the air for a period of not less than 12 hours, unattended, under the following conditions:

Locality—Shaded distance from the open sea.

Wind—From 4 to 8 on the Beaufort Scale.

Machines will be allowed for the ground clearance of the machine of the machine of the test, and to be between during the test.

In both the above tests the ordinary average tidal currents existing around the coast of the British Isles may be experienced.

Rough water getting off and alighting test. Each machine will be required to carry out a test of getting off and alighting on disturbed water, which is the opinion of the judges constitutes a moderate sea. The condition in any case will not exceed state 4 on the Beaufort Scale.

(3) Wave height 4 ft. in height.

Machines will be required to carry out a test of being tested in a moderate sea as defined in para. (1) in a circle of approximately one-half mile radius.

Each machine must carry out eight miles, round two loops 100 yds. apart, and within a rectangle measuring 200 yds. by 100 yds. in a wind not exceeding 15 m.p.h., the sea must be rough and the wind must be variable.

Each machine must be capable of moving on the water under its own power, for a period of at least 20 miles at a speed of not less than 16 knots and not greater than 28 knots.

Machine Dimensions

Each machine will be required to carry an anchor and one anchor, as well as its own mooring berth, and to make a good landing ground with its own gear and remain fast in a wind of 24 or 30 knots and with full current not exceeding 3 knots.

In a machine having two or more engines, the stowage or removal of one engine must not cause the machine to get out of control.

Machines must be capable of flying at cruising speeds for 24 hours without the use of any control or stowage device. Controls may be locked during the test.

Machines, in the event of flying position, must take up and maintain a gliding angle, when the engine or engines are out of control, the use of any control device is prohibited.

After stalling (1) machines must be capable of recovering flying speed and complete control without a loss of more than 100 ft. in height.

Machines must be capable of being started from the cockpit or cockpit, without undue manual exertion.

Marks will be awarded for smoothness and quality of construction, the general features, for general behavior, and for the exceeding the specified requirements.

Smoothness and quality of construction will include:

(1) Fire protection, including use of self-sealing tanks, position of tanks (from a view of safety from fire as much as a crash), fire-fighting appliances and accessibility of same.

(2) Reliability of fuel, oil and water systems, and facilities for using oil tankers on water.

(3) Durability of machine, including provision (any advantage due to metal construction may be taken into account).

(4) Simplicity of design and accessibility of parts.

(5) Absence of vibration in the machine.

(6) Ease of repair, especially in regard to the hull or float. General features will include:

(1) Efficiency and ease of control.

(2) Associated field of view in the point for the pilot.

(3) Silence as affecting recognition of the machine.

(4) Comfort generally, including warmth.

(5) Self-starting device.

(6) Convenience of mooring and anchoring arrangements.

(7) Method of wind warning adopted.

(8) Convenience for use of instruments.

(9) Freedom of entering and exit for occupants.

(10) Edge pressure arrangements.

Behavior about well vessels:

(1) Stability at rest.

(2) Water stability at all speeds.

(3) Maximum spray at all speeds.

Marks will be awarded for exceeding the maximum high speed and flying time than the maximum low speed.

The judges will have regard to the method of fitting parachute, and especially to the means of exit by parachute.

A GLOSSARY OF AERONAUTICAL TERMS. 306 pp. Royal Aeronautical Society.

The Technical Terms Committee of the Royal Aeronautical Society, headed by Lord-Of-Mercy (Governor and having for members representatives of every important aeronautical body in Great Britain, has just been issued.

It is the most complete effort of its kind ever attempted and deserving of the most careful attention, although the Committee very modestly terms the glossary a working note.

The heads of the previous glossary are as follows:

(1) The compass or position of new lines have been provided.

(2) Terms which, though used in aeronautics, have the same meaning in other ordinary usage, have been furnished with few exceptions.

(3) When current usage has been less than has been provided in that replacement which was rather common or most frequently discussed.

(4) Terms already in common use have been explained by clearly defining their application.

(5) Cross references have been given to many publications which have a reasonably wide use, but several others have not been given to them.

(6) The same word or words of symbols has been introduced for these unimportant variations which relate to aeronautics.

(7) Terms of which the meaning in aeronautics has been narrowed down to some specialized significance have been given to them.

(8) The terms used in aircraft status of parts and positions have been listed and defined where necessary.

(9) Miscellaneous terms of use in aviation have been included on a part of the status of aeronautics.

A very serious attempt is also made to standardize a system of aeronautical symbols.

A good deal of work was done on rewording the popular names of many of the aeronautical terms.

The Glossary is based on a national system of aeronautical standards, allowing the possibility of uniformity of terms and with which it is possible to cover not only every possible phase of aeronautics, but every branch of human knowledge.

The notes headings of the Glossary include:

General Physics.

Balloon, Hydrogen, Atmosphere, Barometer.

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Aerodynamics in General.

System of Lighter-than-Air Craft.

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applied to the compass, and will also refer to the same.

Full load will include, besides the instruments specified, as the total of the airplane, parachute, a seat, fuel and oil sufficient to fly 500 statute miles (517.5 statute miles) at 1,000 ft., and a reserve of 3,000 ft.

Driver or on completion of any flying test, if a necessary to effect any repairs to the machine after alighting, it will be considered to have completed the test.

The British government agrees to keep the machine, during the first year, the design to remain the property of the manufacturer, at a maximum price of £5,000. The following prices will be awarded by competition. First prize, £15,000; second prize, £10,000; third prize, £5,000.

Book Reviews

Developing, Hargrave, Body, Stalling, Engine Installation, Tail and Wing Installation, Armament Installation, Assembly Instruction and Maintenance Instruction.

Component Parts.

Body Engine Installation.

Tail and Wing Installation.

Armament Installation.

Aerodynamic. Main Plans. Tail Controls. Flying.

Undercarriage. Instruments.

Vertical Navigation.

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"Special Instability"—The instability on account of which an airplane tends to depart from straight flight, by a combination of sidestepping and banking, the latter being always too great for the latter.

A truly unstable deflection.

"Disturbance"—A disturbance which does not without modification, which is new to us. As is also:

"Disruption"—A disturbance which occurs without modification.

"Interference"—The deflection under the influence of a powerful and to be expected movement, but not too familiar with the subject.

"Explosion"—In aeronautical work a great many parts are always loosely defined and the Glossary will do much to remove confusion by systematizing the principal terms.

While these terms are on the whole well chosen, exception might be taken to the definition of the term "balloon." "The air containing portion of an aircraft"—but not being sufficiently explicit. This objection, though not obvious at first sight, becomes apparent in view of the definition given to the term "airship." This is defined as "the outer frame cover of an aircraft," which comprises a departure from current practice, where the fabric cover of unrigid and semi-rigid airships is called "envelope," and that of rigid is termed "outer cover." This change is understandable because it makes a slight modification. In this case, however, the definition of "balloon" is not sufficiently explicit, because on rigid and on semi-rigid airships there is an air space—sometimes called "nacelle"—inside of the envelope (or outer cover) which does not of necessity function as a balloon, although it is so used in certain ships.

By the way, though "balloon" is a very widely employed term, the question arises whether it would not be advisable to use instead a more generic term, such as air chamber or air cell. This term so as to every (balloon) rigid airships will certainly, he constructed of a rigid shell where the economy of a flexible fabric balloon will be observed. Likewise, gas chamber might be substituted in this case for gas bag.

Parts of the Airplane.—The definitions relating to the main planes are open to criticism. Thus:

"Gap"—The distance between the top and bottom main supporting surfaces of a balloon. For example (perhaps the greatest point) because which it is necessary should be indicated.

This is a definition of "airframe." It is just to such a construction that one would look for a definite change.

The same remarks apply to the definition of "stagger."

The definition of "airframe" is given as "airframe used for housing an airplane to rest about its longitudinal axis for the purpose of balancing," and is not at all definite. Where the airframe is attached, and how attached, could be covered by the definition.

In speaking of aircraft were the glossary says: "These extended mainly to resist forces in the opposite direction to lift." This should have been made of the fact that these forces come into action in specific down flying and in landing.

The glossary has an excellent index and some useful illustrations in connection with engine parts and some structural parts of the airplane.

Course in Aeronautical Engineering

Since Oct. 2 a course of evening lectures on the theory and practice of aeronautical engineering are being delivered at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute by Alexander Kress, consulting aeronautical engineer. These lectures deal with the fundamental principles of aerodynamics, to be followed by the practical application of the principles to airplane construction and design.

They will not be too far advanced in character, but, as far as possible, technically sound.

This course should be of interest to airplane draftsmen and to others in the industry. For further particulars, apply to the Director of the Evening School, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Chicago Aeronautical Show

The first aeronautical exposition next year will be held in Chicago the week of Jan. 4 and will be the first stage of its kind ever to be held outside of New York. Exhibitors are preparing to display a variety of 1930 airplanes, the design of which have anticipated the needs of prospective customers among the rapidly increasing numbers of private owners. The evolution of the airplane from war to pleasure machine will be one of the features of the show.

The executive committee in charge of the show has established headquarters in the Congress Hotel, Chicago.

The Schneider International Seaplane Cup



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The annual competition for the Jacques Schneider International Seaplane Cup, which had not been held since the war near 1913, when it was won for Great Britain by a Sopwith seaplane flown by Howard Pugh, took place on Sept. 20 at Montecarlo, England. One of seven contestants—three British, three French and one Italian—only one, the Italian, finished the race, but as he did not cover the prescribed course owing to an error of judgment the race was declared void by the Charter Committee of the Aero Club of Great Britain.

The race was run over a triangular course of 26 nautical miles, and the smallest winning time laps in the shortest time was to be declared winner. The starting point of the course was marked by marking boats, carrying observers to ascertain that each contestant properly followed the prescribed course. The three competing nations were represented as follows:—

Great Britain—Sopwith seaplane, 450 hp. Commence (initial) engine, 215 sq. ft. wing area, 2,204 lb. gross weight; Ferry seaplane, 450 hp. Super seaplane, September Flying boat, 450 hp. Super engine, 285 sq. ft. wing area, 2,204 lb. gross weight.

France—Two Napier seaplanes, 500 hp. Hispano-Suiza engine, 285 sq. ft. wing area, 2,204 lb. gross weight; Hispano-Suiza engine, 285 sq. ft. wing area, 2,204 lb. gross weight.

Italy—Breda flying boat, 250 hp. Delfino-Frascati engine, 358 sq. ft. wing area, 2,171 lb. gross weight.



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are so designed that the end of each member is fitted with specially designed couplings so that the adjoining members coincide.

- (4) **Erection.** This is handled by twelve men and erected in one day, six men complete the structure by putting it with waterproof canvas. The canvas does not cover the structure, but is attached to the ends of each side of the machine to pass in or out of the hangar. Preferably no skilled labor is required. This is a great advantage especially where skilled labor is not available, and such circumstances are likely to arise owing to the fact that the hangar is so portable that it can be erected in isolated parts of the world.

- (5) **Transport.** The structure is designed in such a way that no single part exceeds 15 ft. in length, and each member can be lifted by one man. The hangar can be packed and carried by one large Army truck.

- (6) **Foundations.** A point of great interest is that special foundations are not necessary, this is caused by the structure by large steel ground bearing plates. For erecting these hangars to the ground against the action of the wind, specially designed anchors are secured into the ground and attached to the base plates. The depth these penetrate the earth varies according to the stress at that part. They are from 15 to 25 ft. in length. In practice they have proved very efficient fastenings. These hangars have been erected on all kinds of soil from the hard stone land to the softest mud. These anchors were also used to erect the recent Toronto Exhibition, and are a sample of the very heavy downpour of rain, and severe winds they were so used at the time of the Exhibition as the day they were erected.

As the war proceeded and military airplanes grew ever larger in size, the same problem that faced the aviators earlier in the war had now again to be met for housing these machines with their great overall wing spread. It was then that the Richards Type B hangar (see Fig. 1) was built and erected, more especially for sheltering the large Standard Page bombing machines.

The Richards Type B hangar has a clear floor space of 130 ft. by 28 ft., and a freest opening of 128 ft. wide by 20 ft. clear height, and dropping to 20 ft. in height at the back. At the rear, and extending the whole length, is an additional clear space of 106 ft. by 20 ft. for use as a store or workshop. The structure moved no more to ascertain if this hangar was the one they were looking for and it satisfied all their needs. Hence it was instantly tested.

The British government before applying a similar test to this hangar as was done in the case of the Type A. This was obtained by suspending weighted material from each of the three aerodynamic members inwards, 2000 lb. from each wing post and also at the top of each outboard and 4125 lb. from the rear member between the wing post and the toe, making a total of 16,025 lb.

Deflection.—The maximum deflection from this loading registered at the toe of the center truss was only 1 1/2 in. and under the toe of each of the other trusses was 1 1/4 in. This undoubtedly is a highly satisfactory result for a portable structure of this type and dimensions.

Construction.—The same portability has been maintained in this hangar as in the smaller type of having interlocking 5 ft. truss and large base plates. The maximum length of any one member is 16 ft. The whole of this enormous structure can be stacked into one Army truck.

Erection.—This giant hangar is erected by sixteen to twenty men in about five days, eight to ten men complete the securing of the waterproofed canvas in ten days.

Over 500 hangars of the Type "A" size were constructed for use during the war and about 700 of the Type "B" size. In the record from Atlantic flight out of the front hangars taken in Newfoundland there were Richards Patent airplane hangars, which demonstrated the popularity this hangar enjoys in the world of British associates.

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Petroleum and Allied Substances

In order that the oil men of the country may keep in closer touch with the recent publications on petroleum, the Petroleum Division of the Bureau of Mining Department of the Interior, proposes to issue monthly a bibliography of petroleum prepared by E. H. Berroque. Copies will be sent each month to the various oil trade journals for publication and to various libraries which receive matters regarding petroleum. In addition, copies will be sent to libraries petroleum engineers, geologists, and the various oil trade journals. It is not the purpose of the Bureau of Mines to establish an industrial mailing list, the Bureau rather trusting that the various oil trade journals will supply the information from the copies they will be supplied with by the Bureau. These bibliographies will be sent to the oil press for publication as near the first of each month as practicable.

The Bureau, since 1913, has published annually a bibliography of petroleum, which is very valuable and pertains to various phases of the petroleum industry. The report containing references in articles and books published during 1917 is now on the hands of the editor and should appear before the end of this year. The 1918 bibliography should be issued within the next several months, and it is hoped that the 1919 report will be issued within eight months after the close of the year. It is in order to send these indexes, which derive from the value of bibliographies, that the Bureau of Mines proposes to issue monthly bibliographies.

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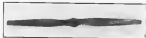
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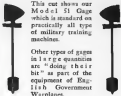
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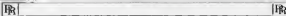
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